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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.**

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In re application of: Clemens SCHMICK et al.

Appl. No. 09/785,508

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Filed: February 20, 2001

For: APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**BOX MISSING PARTS**

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of March 16, 2001, submitted herewith are the following:

- Inventor Declaration
- Copy of March 16, 2001 Notification of Missing Parts
- Assignment with Certified Cover Letter

**Official fees:**

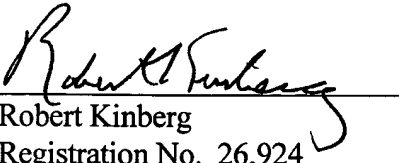
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| Basic Filing Fee                             | <b>\$710.00</b> |
| Assignment Recording Fee                     | <b>40.00</b>    |
| Surcharge for late submission of declaration | <b>130.00</b>   |

**Total fees enclosed: \$ 880.00**

Should no remittance be attached, or should any greater or lesser fee be required, please charge or credit our Account No. 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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